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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6726

BILL NUMBER: HB 1856

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 16, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mold Exposure Standards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill directs the State Department of Health to make recommendations to the Legislative Council regarding toxic mold exposure limits. The bill creates an 11 member task force to participate in the development of the recommendations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill establishes the Mold Standards Task Force. The Task Force shall have three tasks: develop recommendations for mold exposure limits for certain indoor environments; mold identification guidelines for water damage or microbial volatile organic compounds in indoor environments; and submit a final report to the Legislative Council. The estimated cost per meeting is between \$687.50 and \$759.00.

The Task Force consists of eleven lay members. Members of the Task Force are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other incurred expenses. The expenses of the Task Force are to be paid from the budget of the State Department of Health. In addition, the State Department of Health is to provide staff support to the Committee.

The agency should be able to absorb the expenses associated with this provision given its current budget. If not, this will be a new cost to the state.

Background Information on Mileage and Meal Allowances: The Budget Agency has set forth the following rates for reimbursement. The daily meal allowance is: \$26 per day for travel and work totaling 12 to 24 hours for instate travel; and one-half the daily rate, or \$13, for travel and work totaling 7.5 to 12 hours in one day.

If the person has at least 12 hours of travel and business time, all in one day, the person may be reimbursed for breakfast or dinner or both. If the state travel begins before 6:00 AM, the person may claim breakfast (\$6.50), if the person is still traveling after 6:00 PM the person may claim dinner (\$13.00). The mileage reimbursement is \$0.28 per mile. In addition if the member must stay overnight, the maximum allowable in-state lodging rate is \$65 plus tax.

The estimated travel and meal cost per meeting is estimated to be between \$687.50 and \$759.00. This assumes that members of the Task Force live on average 100 miles from the meeting location, and that the meeting and travel time total less than 12 hours. If all the members are not present at a meeting, the estimated cost would be between \$62.50 and \$69 lower per member not in attendance. These cost estimates assume that Task Force members do not require overnight lodging. If lodging is required, the cost per meeting would increase by a maximum of \$715 plus tax.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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